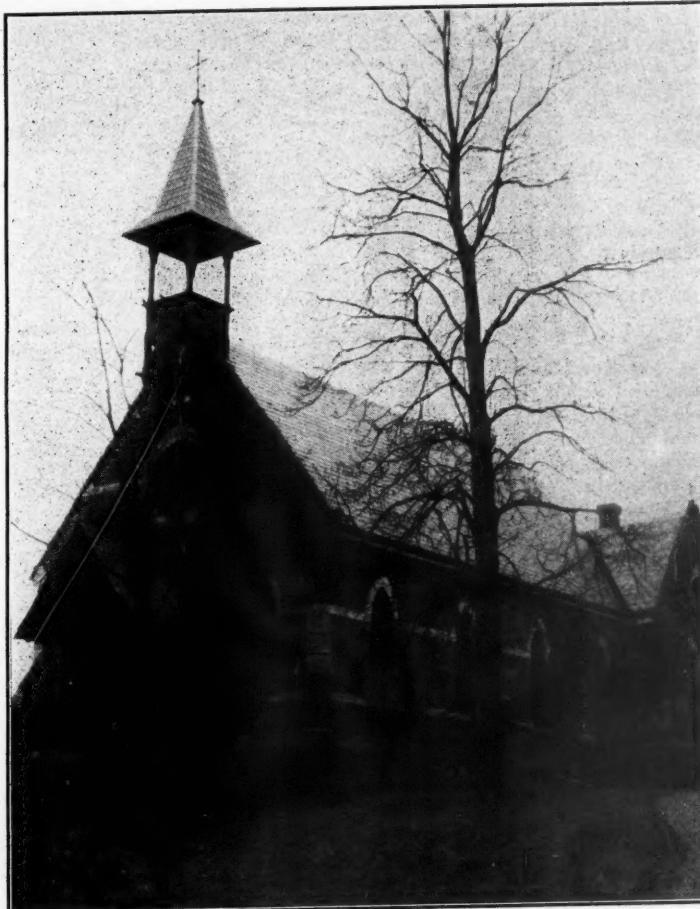


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Pacelli's Political Phantasm

By George E. Sullivan, LL. B. . . . A Catholic Attorney . . . Washington, D. C.

EVERY loyal Catholic respects the office of Pope and accepts all pronouncements from that office that are within the Church's field. No pronouncement, or part thereof, which is outside the Church's field is other than a mere personal expression of the individual occupying the office of Pope, with no obligation on the part of anyone to accept it.

This is established Catholic doctrine, but unfortunately not too well known among Catholics and non-Catholics. Consequently, this article is written by a loyal religious Catholic, who is also a loyal American, and who feels a duty to counteract the prevailing belief that the Catholic Church has endorsed an international political edifice or World Government.

Political advocacy, national or international, is entirely outside the Church's field.

BENEDICT XV'S SALUTARY WARNINGS

Twenty-five years ago, Pope Benedict XV called attention to the need for "a sort of family of peoples, calculated both to maintain their own independence and safeguard the order of human society" (May 23, 1920)—something manifestly different from a proposal of an international political edifice or World Government.

Later in the same year, Benedict XV gave explicit warning (July 25, 1920) against—

"The advent of a Universal Republic, which is longed for by all the worst elements of disorder, and confidently expected by them."

The Communist menace was then rampant in the world. It has multiplied many times since that time. Benedict

XV was not indulging in political advocacy, but warned against wolves in the clothing of sheep, just as the Divine Master did.

GENEVA VERSUS PEACE

An authentic book, "GENEVA VERSUS PEACE," by a celebrated author, Comte de Saint Aulair, France's Ambassador to Great Britain from 1920 to 1924, corroborates Benedict XV's salutary warnings by demonstrating that world government is the hoped-for vehicle of organized destroyers of Civilization seeking world conquest by and for themselves in the name of permanent peace. The book was published in 1937 by Sheed & Ward, New York.

PIUS XI'S WARNING IN 1937

An illuminating pronouncement by Pope Pius XI issued March 19, 1937 gave solemn warning:

(1) that Communism "conceals within itself a false messianic idea;"

(2) that it has behind it "occult forces which for a long time have been working for the overthrow of the Christian Social Order;" and

(3) that "Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian Civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever."

In the same pronouncement, Pius XI also made clear the fundamental distinction between the Church's authority to warn against that which contravenes natural ethics and the will of the Creator, and the Church's total lack of authority to propose or advocate a definite technical system of government . . . Pius XI saying:

"The Church has never proposed a definite technical system (of government), since this is not her field."

THE DEFENDER fully realizes the responsibility it assumes in publishing the accompanying article by one of the nation's most distinguished legal minds—a layman of Catholic persuasion. It is to be questioned . . . if in all America, there is another man qualified to write as Dr. Sullivan has written. In this document, he discharges a solemn obligation to his conscience . . . his Church . . . and his Country. He dares to tell the truth —no matter who is involved. The relations between Protestantism, Catholicism and Communism need clarifying without delay. This subject is given further attention on page 16 of the present Defender.

From this it is self-evident that no one has authority to speak for the Church in any political advocacy, national or international, and an attempt so to do would amount to a personal expression only, even though the speaker should occupy the office of Pope. Any such personal expression should, of course, be frankly so labeled, instead of being mixed into a Papal pronouncement. It should never be treated as Church doctrine.

WORLD UNION FOR SUPPOSED PEACE A PHANTASM

At its best, world union for supposed peace is a phantasm. At its worst, it may be the dragon warned against in Scripture (Apocalypse, or Revelation, Chapters 12 and 13). Any global super-body would be built on wrong foundations. Hence, at best, ephemeral and illusory. The peace of the slave and the grave is the only so-called permanent peace which it could give.

God-given peace and freedom is not safeguarded by putting human beings in a global straight-jacket. No independent nation of free men has ever provoked a war in all history. Empires are the chief cause of woes and wars. Calling them "peace-loving" does not change their character.

In his celebrated book, "BETWEEN TEARS AND LAUGHTER," published in 1943, the Chinese philosopher, Lin Yutang, clearly demonstrates that the two greatest needs for permanent peace are (1) Freedom from empire, and (2) Freedom from humbug.

The Republics of Eire and Switzerland want no involvement in a global super-body. They know that independent nations of free men are essential to peace and freedom, and they have both demonstrated the fact.

The peoples of every nation, and of the world, are like sheep in that they love peace. They need to protect themselves from wolves. Empires do not furnish such protection, but are themselves the worst wolves. It is as idiotic to expect any empire or empires to be peace-loving because agreeing so to be, as it would be to accept wolves, when kindly agreeing to array themselves in sheep's clothing, to pose as shepherds

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The Elements Shall Melt

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D.D.

THE following ominous words were spoken on the floor of the United States Congress, December 17th, last . . . by a Representative from the State of Oklahoma:

"From childhood to old age, it is man's habit to speculate on the end of the world — when it will come and in what manner. We read with awe of the calculations of astronomers and others of scientific callings as to whether or not OUR EARTH MAY NOT EXPLODE, or be wiped out by collision with other heavenly bodies, or that our Sun itself will slip its moorings in the universe and thus bring our doom. Of late we have been pondering with dread the possibility that man himself will literally destroy the earth with his own terrible contrivances.

"With the coming of the atomic bomb and all of the arsenal of frightful lethal devices which are certain to follow in its wake, it is abundantly and starkly clear that man has now devised the means for his complete and utter destruction."

The topmost scientists who collaborated in producing the atomic bomb, recently approved a similar statement through a press report released by the International News Service. It says that while the heads of various governments confer on "the thorny problems of what to do about the atomic bomb, scientists responsible for the EARTH SHAKING DISCOVERY are devoting intensive thought to global implications of the bomb."

"It was August 6, 1945," the statement continues. "American planes had been

picked up by radar, and an air-raid alert had been sounded.

"Then the Japanese at Hiroshima smiled with relief. There were only three B-29's. Compared with the heavy raids, they could do little harm, it was thought, so the city went on about its business.

"A small object dropped from the leading plane. Suddenly, with a blinding flash and unprecedented roar, it became a gigantic fiery sun. Multicolored clouds boiled into the stratosphere. Beneath was utter devastation, and then silence, a silence marred only by the crackling of the rising flames around the edge of the city, where there was something left to burn.

"That is past, but what of the future? Do we face the fearful destroying power of the bomb, or can we tame it? Will it be our servant or our master? For believe us, the atomic bomb is not just a bigger and better bomb. It is a decisive weapon. The war with Japan was over the moment the bombs were dropped. Atomic power can make life immeasurably better, but it can also destroy it entirely."

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CREATORS of the infernal missile say the bomb that fell on Nagasaki

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made obsolete the one dropped upon Hiroshima a few hours earlier. Scientists expect to produce future bombs that will be thousands of times more powerful and destructive than these early samples. Satan, the god of this world, has communicated to the minds of men a knowledge capable of dissolving the planet and reducing it to a cinder.

Apocalyptic judgments are at hand. In the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew — our Lord's prophetic message on the end-time, He describes present conditions, and says: "For then shall be great tribulation. And except those days should be shortened, THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

The discovery and use of this power for destructive purposes, did not come about through accident. It is the result of premeditated planning by the Adversary of Christ working behind the scenes, in the shadows. The book of Revelation anticipates literal judgments to come upon the earth before wicked men and nations exhaust themselves in disobedience and rebellion against God. Many of its passages expose Satan as the evil genius, inspiring and motivating human beings to acts of unprecedented violence. In Revelation 12:12, we read:

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and seal for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Franklin Roosevelt, a man responsible for bringing incalculable suffering upon the human race . . . a man obviously yielded to Satanic control, be-

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came the human instrument through whom this power was unleashed. During the fall of 1939, he appointed an "Advisory Committee on Uranium," having been previously encouraged in that direction by Professor Albert Einstein.

While talking peace with his lips, assuring the American people again and again that he "hated war," but at the same time leading them step by step into the most terrible holocaust of history . . . this man wrote Winston Churchill a letter on October 11, 1941 — two months before Pearl Harbor, inviting British scientists to the United States for the purpose of creating the new weapon. Churchill accepted. The scientists assigned to the task became pawns in the hands of the strange man of the White House.

Roosevelt received regular reports on the project. He ordered the erection of full-scale plants and made huge sums of money available. He employed 125,000 men and spent 2-billion dollars in promoting the undertaking.

Energy is cause. Material and substance are effect. To release atomic power, simply means to turn matter back into its original electrical substance. The knowledge whereby this becomes possible is not new to Satan. As the god of this world . . . the owner of this planet, he understood and used creative energy in the undated past before the appearance of the Adamic race. Hence the record in Ezekiel 28:14, "Thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the STONES OF FIRE."

The fact that prophetic Scripture anticipates the unfolding of the terrible conditions now taking place, offers no justification for the men who yield themselves to Satanic control in bringing them about. Judas was in the same

position. Old Testament prophecy had announced the great betrayal centuries earlier, but when it occurred, our Lord Himself said:

"The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born."

Jesus, the greatest of all prophets, announced terrestrial upheavals resulting from celestial catastrophes during the end-time. Conflicts in the heavens produce their equivalents on the earth plane. Men have confidence in their ability to solve social, economic and political problems. But they are helpless when the forces of nature go on wild rampage. It is under such circumstances that MEN'S HEARTS FAIL THEM FOR FEAR.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

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CHRSTIANS are comforted in these troublous times, by turning to the supernaturally-inspired Word of God for guidance and security. Our Lord emphasized this fact a few verses later, in the chapter from St. Luke's Gospel, just quoted. After explaining when and why men's hearts would fail them for fear, He said:

"HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY: BUT MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY."

A knowledge of prophecy, with particular emphasis upon the Pre-Millennial doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ, is essential to an understanding of the catastrophic changes now taking

place. While differences of opinion exist as to the time, all Bible-believing Christians accept the doctrine of Christ's return. There are two schools of thought — the Pre-Millennial and the Post-Millennial.

Adherents to the former view believe Christ will return before the Millennium. Those who subscribe to the latter interpretation believe He will return after the Millennium. The term Millennium refers to the thousand year period mentioned in Revelation 20:1-7. It is erroneous to assume, however, that Pre-Millennialists rely solely upon this passage in the Apocalypse.

The second advent, as a Biblical disclosure, antedates, by hundreds of years, the writing of the Apocalypse. Old Testament prophets used language both clear and inspiring, to create expectancy for an era of universal righteousness and peace on earth. The whole trend of prophetic revelation, regarding Christ's return, is Pre-Millennial. Bible students who cherish the "blessed hope," only use Revelation 20:1-7 to fix the duration of the age of righteousness so clearly presented throughout the length and breadth of God's Word. The doctrine would not be materially weakened if this passage was expunged.

The Church of apostolic times was Pre-Millennial. Writings of the early fathers are replete with references to the subject. But there came an innovation about the year 250 A. D. when Origen conceived the idea that Scriptural phrases occasionally meant something different from what was actually stated. He introduced the idea of "allegorizing."

Constantine became supreme throughout the Roman Empire in 323 A. D. He embraced Christianity but his pagan background kept him from ever grasping its true content. Laws previously enacted for the purpose of persecuting Christians were repealed. Church and State became united. Because of the great blessing which came to believers by these sweeping changes, a group introduced the idea that the Millennium started when Constantine ascended the throne.

This system of false teaching perverted Christian thought and negated the Pre-Millennial message. The Bible became a sealed Book. It was locked in monasteries. The people were denied access to its pages. The gloom of dark ages settled upon the civilized world. But amid these murky conditions, a few witnesses gave their testimony and the torch of truth illuminated many dark crevices. The Paulicians, Albigenses, Waldenses and other sects preserved the precious doctrine.

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MORAL darkness is not eternal. John Wycliffe, called the "morning star" of the Reformation, appeared on the scenes . . . followed by Martin Luther, who is known as the "sun" of the Reformation. Pre-Millennial truth began to be revived.

Jesus knew that the "watching message" would be preserved down across the centuries. He said: "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching . . . And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore, ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

There were excesses among some groups during the Reformation, and the years that immediately followed. A period of religious strife began. This was accompanied by a spiritual sag and a corresponding growth of rationalism. Certain Church leaders demanded a revised interpretation of Christ's Millennial reign. It was under these circumstances that Rev. Daniel Whitby, a clergyman of the Church of England, introduced what he called a "new hypothesis."

He "spiritualized" and "allegorized" many things. Reference to the lion and lamb was explained as typifying reconciliation of the old and new natures of man. The conversion of the world, by the preaching of the Gospel, could be expected. Mohammedanism would be overthrown . . . the Jews converted . . . a thousand years of peace inaugurated by human effort . . . followed by a short period of apostasy ending in the return of Christ. This was to be followed by a general judgment, the destruction of the earth and the beginning of eternity.

The times were propitious for such a "new hypothesis." Rationalism made Churchmen anxious to explain away the supernatural. Whitby's ideas soon became established and spread with great rapidity. Post-Millennialism, as known today, stemmed from this source.

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BOTH Pre-Millennialists and Post-Millennialists have always agreed that the heavens and the earth will, at a future time, be RENOVATED BY FIRE.

Indeed, no one who believes the Bible, can ignore or deny that such will be the case. The revealed truth on this subject, is stated with such clarity that "wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

An early reference to the subject is found in Isaiah 65:17, "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

The same thought is continued in the next chapter — Isaiah 66:22, "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain."

Turning to Revelation 21:1, we read: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

Only now, with the release of atomic energy, do we understand HOW the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat . . . how far-reaching chemical changes will occur in the oceans . . . how mountain ranges will be leveled and islands caused to disappear . . . how the heavens will pass away with a great noise, or explosion . . . how our planet will experience a baptism of fire . . . how the Apocalyptic judgments will literally come to pass.

Believing truth to be dogmatic, Bible students have for centuries, accepted and taught that the heavens and the earth would some day leap into flames — despite the fact they had no way of explaining how such a thing could take place. Scientists are today terrified at the thought of some madman at the head of a nation, setting off an atomic chain, capable of producing an uncontrollable conflagration.

United States Senator Hatch recently expressed the anxiety that every human being in the world feels, when he said: "The debris and death at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the yawning cavern in New Mexico, with its once-steel tower completely vaporized, speak a universal language. It may be the language of doom. All people know what actually happened when our scientists, with others, crossed the border of the unknown into that universal sphere never before entered by mortal being. . . We live now in a brief period of grace. It is running fast."

Winston Churchill says the human family has three years to "put its house in order."

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PETER'S prophecy regarding the renovation of the heavens and the earth, is the most elaborate . . . and gives more details, than any other passage of Scripture: He says:

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

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time of the present age. According to Revelation 13:13, Satan's masterpiece, the Antichrist, may be expected to appropriate it for destructive purposes. But the foregoing reference to "a thousand years," causes students of prophetic Scripture to place the final conflagration announced by Peter, after the Millennium. The prophecy continues.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless, we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.



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"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." II Peter 1:19.



PETER prefaces the foregoing prophecy with a general statement of conditions within the Church during the period which he designates as "the last days."

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."

The Greek word translated perished, is "apollumi" and means to "mar" or "deface."

The inspired writer is looking both backward and forward. He refers to a catastrophe produced by water in the past . . . and sees a catastrophe resulting from fire coming in the future. He is impatient with those who are designated "scoffers," and condemns them

for opposing and ridiculing the doctrine of Christ's return. He accuses such religionists of following their "own lusts" when they ask: "Where is the promise of his coming?" Such unbelief results from the untenable theory that "all things continue as they were."

Peter is identifying agnosticism, skepticism and Modernism. He is indicting "scoffers" who promote the idea that there have been no crises in history . . . who insist that everything moves according to the fixed laws of nature, ruling out the judgments of God. There is nothing to worry about! There are no reasons for getting excited! Eat, drink and be merry! "All things continue as they were."

This is the philosophy of naturalism. This is the philosophy of carnality. This is the false notion of God being so far removed from His creation that no acts of supernatural intervention are possible. We witness today, a clash between naturalism and supernaturalism. Modernism is Christianity with the miracles removed.

Peter invites attention to the fact that

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the earth was once defaced by water. He submits this as grounds for the reasonableness of his prophetic statement that it will be also subjected to future judgment by fire. The anatomy of the planet will again be purged.

The Apostle may have been referring to the deluge in which an antediluvian civilization was destroyed. But it is more probable that the defacement of the original earth, in the days of Peleg, attracted his thought.

Originally our earth was one continent. Peter says it stood "out of the water and in the water." The record of the third day, in Genesis 1:9-10, conveys the same idea. The earth was compacted in water. A great cataclysm took place at a later time, which caused the fountains of the deep to be opened. The huge continent was pulled to pieces. Genesis 10:25 explains that during the time of Peleg, "was the earth divided." The word Peleg has two meanings, "channel of water" and "earthquake."

In studying a map of the world, one is impressed with the fact that, allowing here and there for erosion, the five continents and islands fit into a solid mass, like so many pieces of a jig-saw puzzle. The days of Peleg were characterized by an "earth-shaking" event that opened channels of water."

Peter places two sets of facts in parallel: (1) "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished" . . . and (2) "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat."

(To be continued next month.)

DEFENDS COMMITTEE ON "UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES"

MR. SPEAKER, on December 10, the gentleman from California [Mr. Patterson] inserted in the Record a petition asking for the abolition of the Committee on Un-American Activities. That petition was signed by a group of individuals, the leaders of whom would have signed a petition for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

To read that list reminds one of a petition coming from a bootleggers' convention asking for the abolition of the local grand jury. Some deluded individuals were evidently misled into signing that petition by the subversive leaders of this drive to get rid of the "Committee on Un-American Activities" that is trying to protect this Country against their treasonable designs.

If they perpetrated such conduct in any other Country in the world, the

chances are they would be stood against a brick wall and shot.

Practically every Communist-front organization, as well as every other subversive movement in America is represented in the list of names on that petition, as is shown by the records of the Dies committee, and also by the records of the FBI.

Of course, these Un-American elements want to get rid of the "Committee on Un-American Activities." They would like to get rid of the FBI also. Then they

could practice their treasonable activities without fear of exposure.

But they know that as long as the FBI and the "Committee on Un-American Activities" are on their loathsome trails their alien noses are rubbing against the bars of the penitentiary, or facing that deportation they so richly deserve.

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Black are the fields when the cannons cease,
And white forever more.*

FIELDS of white crosses upon us. They blow no trumpets announcing either the victor or the spoil. They take no sides in the contests of the living, they do not ask for any transitory compensation; they will have no part in deifying man—they stand there, just to watch the dead. The crosses.

From out of the rubble and ashes which once were homes, move the silent processions of the night. Fathers and mothers and children clasp bleeding hands while they wander in endless sessions by the crosses of the dead. Death, loneliness, despair, poverty—these are the legacies of war.

The shadows of the crosses move slowly with the passing of the moon, and in eloquence of silence recount the horrors and the doom that man has made. A world of madness, not emancipation, not freedom and not truth; but falsehood, betrayal, unholy deeds—the field of crosses speak of them. They speak the eloquence of God: Man does wrong, and truth.

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The crosses stand in the silence of the night, mediators between the past and present worlds, its tasks and deeds. They plead that man listen to the voice of God. In silence there, upon the field, they still insist that God is love, He causes wars to cease.

The crosses stand, and sentries watch, while mourners kneel upon the field so white; upon that field once green, where faith was right, now lie our brave and cherished forms, which once were joyful friends within our midst—but they are silent now.

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“A MAN shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.”—Isaiah 32:2.

We are indebted both to the prophet who first gave us the figures of speech, and to the translators who rendered them into such adequate speech. It is the picture of a desert traveller, stung by a biting sand-storm, buffeted by a driving wind, parched to exhaustion by thirst, blistered by an unrelenting sun, but still pressing on until he finds in the shade of a great rock security, comfort, rest, water, life. And the poet-prophet says a man shall be like that refuge.

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Some time ago a book was placed on the markets by a New York publishing company, under the title of "Hinduism, the World Ideal," by Harendranath Maitri.

This Hindu author makes some criticisms of western Christianity which, unfortunately, are true. He makes other criticisms, however, that are too severe and, in many instances, utterly unfounded.

But, on the whole, the book serves a good purpose. It causes the reader to analyze things basic in modern Christianity. After perusing its pages, some will be prompted to ask, "Is Christianity still Christian?" They will be prompted to inquire whether or not Christianity is actually departing from Christ.

On page seven this Hindu states: "In studying western civilization, I have felt that there is something lacking. This something, India has." He is saying Hinduism possesses virtues Christianity does not possess. Reading further, we come upon this bold indictment, "The West is not and never has been Christian."

Which, alas, is all too true!

Again we read: "India loves Christ. She does not love Christianity; for she sees very little relation between the two."

If non-Christian people love Christ but do not love Christianity, then we should ask ourselves, What is wrong with the latter? And this gives rise to the question: **IS CHRISTIANITY CHRISTIAN?**

A close study of the teachings and practices of Christ as recorded in the four Gospels, contrasted with the teachings and practices of His followers, leads an honest observer to conclude that a wide gap exists between the two. It is the responsibility of every professed Christian to do his best to bring Christianity into conformity with the Christ of the New Testament.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

Certain modern conceptions of Christianity are defective. There is lack of agreement among Church people as to what constitutes a Christian.

Some say a Christian is one who ac-

cepts the ethical teachings of Christ and modifies his behavior to conform therewith. Others insist upon acceptance of a particular creed and demands membership in some particular ecclesiastical body. Still others think that observance of a special ceremonial rite of their choosing makes one a Christian.

The ethical teachings of Christ were not given to make one a Christian, but rather to discipline the life after a person becomes a believer. Neither can any observance, such as baptism, make one a Christian, but obedience to such demands is a visible expression of inward faith in Christ, signifying repudiation of any hope of salvation except through the Saviour of mankind. Likewise Church membership was never designed to save men, but being saved through faith in Christ, they will "forget not the assembling of themselves together."

Let us therefore hold modern conceptions in abeyance and turn to the New Testament as final authority. We have an ultimate standard of truth and infallible source of information in the revealed Word of God. Turning to the New Testament, we learn:

I. A CHRISTIAN IS ONE BORN FROM ABOVE.

Nicodemus was an educated man of high ethical standards and great wealth. He was a member of the Sanhedrin and ranked as one of the richest men in Jerusalem. There are scholars who insist that he was Nicodemus Ben Gorion, the brother of Josephus the famous historian.

Yet, we read in John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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Despite his attainments, on the human side, Nicodemus lacked capacity for grasping the spiritual content of the Master's words. He asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?"

Again in John 3:5 we read: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

The kingdom of God is spiritual. "Not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Entrance into the kingdom is by spiritual birth, even as entrance into the physical world is by natural birth. It is impossible to "see" or enter the kingdom any other way. "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

Of this experience, Peter said: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Contrary to certain human ideas promulgated in the name of Christianity, it is the New Testament conception that Christians are born, not made. Human lives are transformed by a supernatural process, not merely polished and changed in external appearance.

Doll factories can make a good imitation of babies. They even manufacture them to walk and talk, but all such toys lack one thing—namely, life. Living babies must be born. Some Church organizations, turn out good imitations by education, social culture and other forms of human effort. Such "Christians" walk and talk like mechanical dolls, but being devoid of spiritual life, they are only imitations.

The new birth takes place when the individual, by an act of faith, receives Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord. Hence we are told in John 1:11-13, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

II. A CHRISTIAN IS A NEW CREATION.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed

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away: behold, all things are become new."

The marginal reading is "creation." The twice-born believer is a new creation, the possessor of a new nature, the owner of a type of life that cannot be acquired through the physical birth. This new life is eternal, being the same as that manifested in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ during the days of His earthly sojourn. To be born again, "born from above," is to become a new entity. "Old things are passed away."

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but A NEW CREATURE," said Paul. He also emphasised the same truth in his letter to the Colossians: "Seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." In another place we read: "Christ in you the hope of glory."

We find Paul setting forth the facts of what constitutes a New Testament Christian, in writing to the Thessalonians: "We give thanks to God always for you . . . Remembering without ceasing

"Your work of faith, and

"Labor of love, and

"Patience of hope

in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father: Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God."

Then he later explains that the "work of faith" was to "turn to God from idols." The "labor of love" was to "serve the living and true God," and the "patience of hope" was to "wait for his Son from heaven."

The work of faith among the Thessalonians in turning from idols, involved the passing away of "old things." They died to the old, and became alive to the new.

An engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was in the hospital with pneumonia. His run took him on regular trips out of a city in Ohio. Although a Church member, he lived a shoddy and disorderly life. In fact, he was a verit-

able Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Around home he passed as a nominal and professed Christian but at the other end of the division he was Mr. Hyde.

But while in the hospital facing death, as he thought, his double life stood out before him. He felt like a man haunted by evil specters. He was unprepared to die and the doctor held no hope of recovery. Then and there he began to pray and promised God that should his life be spared, he would be a different man. Prayer was answered. He received a new spiritual experience and was soon able to leave the hospital.

In a short time he was back on the engine making his usual run. On his first trip, reaching the end of the division, he was met by the old gang who had arranged a night of drinking and gambling. They invited him to join them. But he firmly refused, saying he had given up all such things.

Finally one of them said: "Bill, you don't seem like the same man." "No boys," he answered. "The man you used to know died in the hospital and this is another man, a new man in Christ Jesus."

If one's religion does not make him a better man, and unlike the world, it is the wrong brand!

Old things ARE passed away. All things ARE become new. Present tense! The Word of God is clear at this point. And here is the acid test of your Christian profession: If old things are passed away and all things have become new, your life will be a Testimony, accepted and believed by other people.

III. A CHRISTIAN IS A SERVANT OF GOD.

A New Testament Christian is a servant of the true and living God. Like his Master, he puts God first.

If one derives his life from Christ . . . if he lives the life that is Christ . . . if he is to conserve his life in Christ—then he must do the works of Christ. In John 4:34, we read: "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." Again in John 5:17, "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

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live, in the truest sense. "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." A man's character is moulded very largely by the master he serves.

Jesus said: "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

"Mammon" was the Assyrian god of riches. There are, however, other gods that claim the mastery of men. Human service, be it ever so humble, becomes honorable and ennobling if the time, energy and substance invested is motivated by a desire to serve God. Let us look at it this way:

If a man serves on a farm, he is called a farmer. If he serves the bank, he is called a banker. If he serves the store, he is called a storekeeper or merchant. If the farm, the bank, the store is an end in itself, then he becomes a Mammon-server. But if he, through the farm, the bank and the store, serves the true and living God, THEN HE IS A CHRISTIAN.

A king's servant has no other business than that of serving the king. The business of the soldier is to serve his country. The business of the Christian is to serve God — first, last, always.

There is an inscription in one of the great cathedrals of Europe which runs as follows:

Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to us;
Ye call me Master and obey me not;
Ye call me Light and seek me not;
Ye call me Way and walk me not;
Ye call me Life and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair and love me not;
Ye call me Rich and ask me not;
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The story is told of Edward Spencer's great sacrifice, September 8, 1860, in rescuing victims who were thrown into the waters of Lake Michigan when the ship "Lady Elgin" was wrecked. Young Spencer, then a college student at Evanston, Illinois went to the rescue of those who were perishing in the storm. He battled the elements more than six hours, rescuing seventeen persons.

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would awaken delirious and cry out: "Did I do my best?"

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That is the spirit we saw manifested in Christ. He did His best. He gave His all. He said: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Our Lord loved souls. There is a vast difference between a SOUL LOST and a SOUL SAVED. Let us, with Edward Spencer, ask ourselves whether we are really doing our best.

Not how little, but how much we can do for God, is the matter that most concerns the Christian. He cannot rest or become content while there is strength left, as long as people created in the image of God, for whom Christ died, are perishing.

Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity,
From sin and the grave.

Weep o'er the erring one,
Lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus,
The mighty to save.

IV. A CHRISTIAN IS A BRIDE IN WAITING

A New Testament Christian is one, who, as Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Waits for his Son from heaven."

The Christian has a better hope than others. He is not waiting for death, a shroud, a casket, a hearse or a grave. He is looking for the Upfaker rather than

the undertaker. He is waiting for God's Son from heaven.

His triumph over death is positively assured. The eternal life of Christ having been imparted to him through the new birth, he is assured of that victory over the grave which we saw demonstrated on the resurrection morning. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept."

The New Testament Christian is also a watcher—watching for the coming of the Bridegroom. The Master Himself admonishes His followers: "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is . . . And what I say unto you I say unto all. Watch."

The saints collectively make up the Bride of Christ. Sweetness and fidelity surpassing anything known in human wedlock exists between the eternal Bridegroom and the Bride. Concerning the time when He would be away, during the Church age or dispensation, we read: "And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast."

Jesus also used a parable in exhorting the members of the Bride to wait patiently, faithfully and loyally for His coming. He said: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom . . . And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

The story is told of a heathen woman named Panthea who was famous for her beauty, and greatly admired by King Cyrus. The Monarch sent servants to invite her to come to his harem, but she spurned the invitation. Again he sent messengers, and they offered her money and jewels, but she repulsed them with scorn. A third time the King dispatched the servants to offer her wealth, jewels and pleasure, everything that would be tempting to a woman but still she refused. Then, King Cyrus went in person to see her. He doubled and trebled the offers his men had made, but still she would not go. She told him that she was bound to her home and husband by a marriage vow. He said: "Panthea, where dwellest thou?" "In the arms and the affections of my husband," answered Panthea.

"Take her away," said Cyrus. And he put her husband in command of the charioteers and sent him into the battle at the head of the troops. Panthea knew the King desired his death and deliberately placed him where he would be killed. She waited while the battle raged and when it was over went in search of her husband. She shouted his name, and continued the search until finally she found him, wounded and dying.

Kneeling, clasping him in her arms, she kissed his fevered lips as his spirit slipped away forever. King Cyrus heard of the man's death and came to the field. Panthea saw him approaching on his camel. She shouted, "Oh husband! he comes, he comes, but he shall not have me . . . I was true to you in life and will be true to you in death." And she drew her dead husband's sword from its sheath, drove it full into her own breast, and fell dead across his body.

The King came up and dismounting, removed his turban, knelt by the dead husband and wife, and there raising his



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Suffer me to ask, in closing, these pertinent questions:

Are you a Christian? You are, or you are not.

Have you been born again? You have, or you have not.

Are you a new creature? You are, or you are not.

Are you waiting for God's Son from heaven? You are, or you are not?

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"Be ye kind one to another," is Paul's counsel, good for every day in the year. In these crucial days, if we can say anything to encourage people, by all means let us do so. Fathers and mothers whose sons and daughters did not return from the battle zones are especially hungry for words that uplift the heart, that strengthen faith.



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"The distress that passes every day through our office and which we witness on every road and square of Germany is beyond words. I have known the sufferings of the Jews, and I have borne the tortures of a concentration camp; but what takes place before our eyes at the present moment surpasses everything of the past. I think of those, for instance, who take their lives. Thousands of bodies are dangling from the trees around Berlin, and nobody takes even the trouble of cutting them off. Thousands of corpses float in the Oder and Elbe Rivers down to the ocean; nobody cares. Thousands and tens of thousands perish of hunger and exhaustion by the roadside; other thousands do not know where in the world they will ever find a home again."

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to protect flocks of sheep. All proposals for a global super-body are inherently insults to common sense.

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PENETRATION OF CATHOLIC RANKS

Up to Pius XI's death in 1939, the whole world thoroughly understood that the Catholic Church was a bulwark against the monstrosity of World Government. Yet today the Catholic Church is generally regarded as a vigorous advocate of, rather than a bulwark against, World Government. What is responsible for such complete reversal?

Pius XI's successor in 1939 bore the surname Pacelli, and adopted "Pius XII" as designating his administration of the office of Pope. Although thoroughly familiar with the salutary warnings of Benedict XV and Pius XI, Pacelli lost no time in forming his determination to advocate an international political edifice or World Government. He mixed such advocacy so adroitly into Papal pronouncements that it appeared to be an integral part of the Papal pronouncements, with the result that the average person considered it to be binding upon clergy and laity. Catholic diocesan publications were at a loss to know how to deal with confusion caused by one occupying the office of Pope. So the confusion has re-

mained uncorrected, and the campaigners for World Government have reaped a harvest out of such confusion.

In Pacelli's Christmas-eve broadcast of 1941, an international "edifice" was advocated to supposedly "guarantee to all peoples a just and lasting peace." Emphasis was placed upon its being "founded on moral principles." Insomuch as it stressed moral principles, the broadcast was, of course, within the Church's field; but the advocacy of an international "edifice" or World Government, and the assumption that such a super-government could be depended upon to abide by moral principles, went outside the Church's field and into the domain of political advocacy.

It involved, in fact, the advocacy of a political phantasm. Every possible vehicle, secular and religious, was availed of to publicize throughout the world Pacelli's advocacy of World Government. In Christmas message of 1943, "a new spirit of world union" was extolled. In the Christmas eve broadcast of 1945, Pacelli's aforesaid line of advocacy was pursued and reiterated, along with the assertion:

"The future peace structure aims at outlawing from the world every aggressive use of force, every war of aggression."

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centuries ago. Piracy has been effectively checked by cooperative action of civilized nations without any surrender of their independence. A global super-body, with pirates accepted as leading members, was not the method. A global super-body, with empires as members and the controlling members, as now being experimented with as a claimed peace structure, is manifestly grotesque.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

Instead of a global super-body, the need is for a sort of family of peoples, made up of independent nations of free men in voluntary association, without political ties or fetters, and altogether excluding empires of herded men. This is the safe and dependable method of maintaining the independence of nations of free men and safeguarding the order of human society. This proposition is so self-evident as to need no argument. A global super-body is its antithesis, and must be speedily discarded. This is, however, more easily said than done, with both of our so-called great political parties, and persons in key positions of leadership among Catholics, Protestants and Jews, aggressively espousing the phantasm or new Tower of Babel of a global super-body.

Only a few weeks ago, the present leadership in the Republican party announced that both political parties must continue to support our present foreign policy, and no issue must be permitted regarding the same. The fact that such foreign policy flaunts American Independence and Constitutional American Liberty and is plainly scuttling our Republic seems to be a matter of indifference to those now in control of both political parties. Unless the Republican party has an immediate housecleaning of its present control, no time should be lost in launching a new party founded by real Americans in both of the present parties. Real Americans will then leave both of the present parties in such droves that the sinking ships of both parties will carry down with them only the undesirables who have been specially catered to.

No free people can ever be willing to submit indefinitely to systematic gagging and deception. Next to the political parties, attention must be given to the press, both secular and religious. Subscribers and readers should lose no time in withdrawing patronage from any and all publications which continue to advocate a global super-body or engage in any other brand of deception.

Readers of publications are entitled to the truth. They are entitled to use their own brains to analyze current events.

instead of having misleading propaganda served them in the place of truth. Most of the press are dependent upon advertising to keep them out of the red, and consequently, cater specially to advertisers; but the readers can make themselves supreme in demanding the truth, because a paper without readers will also lose its advertisers.

The next in line for attention should be the lawyers who have taken oaths to support the United States Constitution. They well know that American Independence is the keystone of our Constitutional arch, and that there is no Constitutional authority for any political tie-in with any global super-body. Yet the average lawyer today either avoids altogether doing anything about warning the people, or else he is actively engaged in advocating a global super-body in even greater disregard of his oath of office. Persons without a higher sense of duty do not belong in such a responsible office.

In conclusion, it should be added that advocates of a global super-body have seen their unsound arguments disappear so completely that they are finally driven to the despair of saying: "Well, anyhow, there is no alternative, now that we have such terrible new devices for mass destruction." Their ability to think in reverse is certainly marvelous. Any-one with a grain of common sense knows that the greater the developments for mass production, or mass destruction, at the will of those in control, the more indispensable it becomes not to give such control to a global super-body which in the very nature of things will be directed by handfuls of men. Any global strait-jacket would permit an unscrupulous dictatorship to seize world power, and make use of devices for mass destruction to prevent successful resistance against its tyranny.

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Note: In view of the importance to all mankind of the basic principles and truths herein set forth, every publication in every country in the world is hereby granted permission to republish this article in full.—The Author.

(This article is being printed in pamphlet form to increase its usefulness in both Protestant and Catholic circles.)

The Winchell Line

BACK in the 1930's, when Russia had the most powerful military machine in the world . . . the international red propaganda line provided for keeping all other nations disarmed. At that time, Walter Winchell published an article in the "Reader's Digest" which said:

"Once again Europe is rolling the loaded dice of destiny. And once again, America is asked to play the role of international sucker. If we must have another unknown soldier, let us not ask him to die for an unknown reason! And just what will be accomplished by dying in the mud? He will not increase America's wealth: in the last war, we loaned our gold and were gold-bricked in return. The future of American youth is on top of American soil—not underneath European dirt."

Later, when it became evident that atheistic Russia would derive maximum benefit from another war, Winchell began beating the tom-toms.

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ANALYSIS OF

PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS

FOR several years, far-seeing Protestant Churchmen of the evangelical school of thought and doctrine, have appealed to Catholic leaders for a united front against their common foe—international, atheistic Communism. Aside from a few reciprocal gestures on the part of individual Catholic priests and laymen, the plea of the Protestants has been rejected or greeted with stony silence.

The paradox of the Vatican and Moscow finding, in some measure, common political ground on which to meet, must be attributed to the Satanic magic of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Meanwhile, the Communist line in America provides for generating new hatreds between Protestants and Catholics. The reds are determined that these two branches shall never adopt the same policy of (1) disagreeing honorably on doctrinal and theological matters, but (2) at the same time standing unitedly against the forces of organized atheism.

The most vituperative anti-Catholic magazine today published in the United States is "The Protestant," edited by one Kenneth Leslie. The rabidly anti-Catholic, anti-Protestant L. M. Birkhead, director of the so-called "Friends of Democracy" is an associate editor and co-worker with Leslie.

In describing these two red groups, the "Pilgrim Torch" has this to say:

"The organization which sponsors Birkhead is known as the Friends of Democracy. Birkhead specializes in frightening Jews and then collecting money from them to destroy the people

whose character he has assassinated. Birkhead puts out a bi-monthly bulletin entitled Propaganda Battlefront devoted to smearing Christian Americans. He specializes on such individuals as Martin Dies, Father Coughlin, Homer Chailloux (Americanism director for the American Legion), Senator Wheeler, Congressman Rankin, and so forth."

The same authority says:

"Mr. Leslie has drifted out into the poison sea of Communism to become one of her ablest workers within the Christian Churches of America. He edits a magazine called 'The Protestant' which on its face, seems to be a journal devoted to religious discussions, but is, in fact devoted to the most incessant denunciation of the Roman Catholic Church and the Fundamentalist Churches of America, and to the most slavish exaltation of the Soviet Union, and to persistent efforts to inflame the Jewish and Negro citizens of America, against 'enemies,' with which according to 'The Protestant' the nation seems to be swarming."

Communist writers are among the most frequent contributors to "The Protestant." Leslie wrote an article for the "Daily Worker," official organ of the Communist party, November 7, 1943 in which he said:

"If there is a heart of justice in the universe, it is beating now in the Red Army. I believe in that heart. I call it God. The religion that will be acknowledged in the Soviet Union will be based on actual working out of community among individuals, economic units, and national groups. It will be beautiful."

By appropriating the title, "Protestant," Leslie is able to make it appear that his

Communistic assaults upon the Catholic Church originates from recognized Protestant sources.

Now that the technique of the red propagandists in our midst is understood and exposed . . . perhaps Fundamental Protestant Churchmen and Catholic Churchmen will take a united stand against the agencies of anti-Christ, which if not checked, will destroy every Church in America as they are now doing in the Baltic states, Balkan countries, Poland and that part of Germany where the red rag of Moscow waves.

In view of these conditions, the highly intelligent article beginning on page 2 of this Defender . . . by Dr. George E. Sullivan, a great legal mind and distinguished Catholic layman, becomes a document of historical importance.

BIRKHEAD INVESTIGATED

CERTAIN radical, left-wing New Deal Congressmen are protesting against the investigation of L. M. Birkhead and the so-called "Friends of Democracy," which is now being conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities.

This is understandable, for the reason that these very men have, during recent months, cluttered the pages of the Congressional Record with Birkhead hand-outs.

It will be recalled that Birkhead, writer for E. Haddemann-Julius' atheistic publications, is currently directing the attack upon Dr. Walter Maier in a vain attempt to destroy the "Lutheran Hour" Gospel radio broadcast.

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WORLD TRENDS

tions of all denominations, are sending a deluge of letters to Congressman John Rankin, urging that nothing shall be allowed to interfere with the investigation of the so-called 'Friends of Democracy.'

Rev. Harvey H. Springer, Editor of the "Western Voice," said in a recent editorial:

"A wild man is running loose in our Country. His name is L. M. Birkhead. He is murdering the reputations of good men. He stands at the head of a nationwide spy ring and Gestapo. He is the guiding genius of the smear artists who are destroying patriotic Americans. He sets the pace for the Winchells, the Pearsons et al. He is leading the attack on Christ's Cause in this part of the world. His dastardly deeds calls for the attention of the United States Congress.

"Flood Congressman John Rankin, a Christian member of the Committee on Un-American Activities, with letters demanding immediate action against Birkhead and the so-called 'Friends of Democracy.' He may be addressed as follows: Honorable John Rankin, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

"Birkhead tries to violate the civil liberties of those who do not share his views on Atheism, Communism, Companionate Marriage, the New Deal, the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He tries to take them off the radio and otherwise interfere with free speech, free press, freedom of worship, etc. **HE IS AN IN-TOLERANT BIGOT OF THE TYPE WHO BURNED PEOPLE AT THE STAKE DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.**

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PRIEST BLAMES REDS FOR OUSTER

SUSPENSION of the Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello as pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic church of Anniston, Alabama has been ordered by diocesan authorities, in a dispute over what he termed his opposition to leftist groups.

The Priest charged that a smear campaign had been waged against him by groups under the guidance of John Roy Carlson, author of the book "Under Cover." Carlson has been sued in Chicago and other places for allegedly libeling persons in the book that has been described in Congress as "the smearer's Bible."

Father Terminiello, who came to Anniston six months ago from Huntsville was reported to have been distributing a weekly news letter to organizations throughout the country.

BISHOP DENOUNCES ACTION

Announcement of his resignation of his pastorate here and his subsequent suspension was made by Bishop T. J. Toolen of the Roman Catholic diocese of Mobile, which includes the entire state of Alabama.

The bishop's formal order said:

"The Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello, having refused to obey the orders of his bishop to cease sending out literature which we feel is detrimental to the

church and the unity of our country, resigned his pastorate at Sacred Heart church, Anniston, and is no longer considered a priest in good standing in the diocese of Mobile, nor has he the right to use his facilities as a priest, nor is he considered a priest of the diocese."

First public information disclosed concerning the status of the departed priest was an announcement in the November 16 issue of the Catholic Week, publication of the Mobile diocese, in which Bishop Toolen reported that he had resigned.

BLAMES CARLSON

"I do not question the bishop's judgment and good intentions in the matter" Father Terminiello said in a statement he issued in Birmingham, "but feel that submission now would be capitulation to the leftist groups under the guidance of John Roy Carlson which have carried on a concerted smear campaign against me."

Father Terminiello said the "smear campaign" included circulation in Anniston and elsewhere in Alabama of "propaganda sheets" which attacked "statements attributed to me" and a general opposition to "my position opposing leftist tendencies."

He identified Author Carlson, a native Greek who has admitted using at least five aliases in recent years, as a "key figure in the campaign against me."

—Press Report From Anniston, Alabama.

TRUTH ABOUT PEARL HARBOR

AS might be expected, the radical, left-wing, pro-Communist press is trying to confuse public thinking regarding the Pearl Harbor investigation. But all such

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efforts are destined to fail. Truth will triumph.

Says Congressman Jonkman: "The frustration facing the Pearl Harbor inquiry, as reported yesterday, should not cause surprise. The New Deal, from its very inception, has used its power, tactics, and majority of votes to turn investigations for the truth into suppressions of the truth, when they concerned its secret faults and vices.

"To find the beginning of this practice, you may examine the hearings, the majority and minority reports, of the select committee of the House to investigate the charges made by Dr. William A. Wirt of a deliberately planned revolution in this Country. There you will find as early as April 1934, a similar sheer majority of votes, by the same tactics, according to the minority report, deliberately suppressed the obtaining of such information.

"It is this suppression of the truth from the American people that has caused our present political, social, and economic chaos."

THE CRIME UNCOVERED

SPEAKING editorially, November 17, 1945, a large metropolitan newspaper said:

"Disclosures at the first day's hearings of the Congressional Committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster provide final confirmation of the culpability of Mr. Roosevelt and his inner official circle in failing to put the Hawaiian command on warning against known impending attack. Every American now knows that the real defendants are not Adm. Kimmel and Gen. Short, but THE ADMINISTRATION LEADERS WHO WANTED WAR EVEN AT THE PRICE OF A NATIONAL CALAMITY."

Since this editorial was published, the most damning evidence exposing the Roosevelt plot has continued to accumulate under the direction of a Congressional investigation. The crime now stands out more heinous than ever the most severe critics of the New Deal had pictured it.

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United States Senate

December 27, 1945

Mrs. Myrtle Flowers
Wichita, Kansas

My dear Mrs. Flowers:

I have just received the December issue of THE DEFENDER and it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the successful outcome of your case, which was finally nolle prossed in November.

I feel that you have suffered very unjustly and I know how relieved you must be to know that the case has finally been settled.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) William Langer.

A fair example of the methods used by those who are trying to suppress truth, is noted in the experience of Captain Kramer of the Naval intelligent forces.

Congressman Keefe explained on the floor of Congress that because Captain Kramer made a factual report, he was "badgered and beset by a subsequent effort to break down the testimony which he has given under oath." He was taken to a hospital and placed in a psychopathic ward.

"Did the gentleman from California (Mr. Gearhart) and I get to go to that hospital to try to see Captain Kramer to find out what the facts are with respect to this very vital and important witness and to talk to him and see him?" asked Congressman Keefe. "We are denied the right under the order issued by the President, and yet there is one of the most vital and important witnesses who could be brought before this investigating committee . . . I want to go out to the hospital and see this man."

The next day, after this exposure of New Deal coercion hit the headlines, the Presidential order was revised. Gearhart and Keefe were admitted to the hospital. Kramer was released.

After returning from the hospital where the Captain was interviewed,

Congressman Keefe again discussed the matter before Congress, concluding his remarks with these words:

"From this record I am convinced that the Navy Department and the higher ups in Washington fully realize the importance to be attached to the testimony of Captain Kramer. I am fully convinced that efforts were made to get Captain Kramer to modify and change portions of the testimony that he had given before the Navy Board of Inquiry. I am satisfied that this worried Captain Kramer and this worry, coupled with overwork and fatigue as a result of his service in the Pacific, caused his being ordered to the neuro-psychiatric ward in the Bethesda hospital for treatment.

"I sincerely hope that when Captain Kramer appears as a sworn witness before the Pearl Harbor Committee, he may firmly adhere to the clear-cut statement which he made when he testified before the Naval Court of Inquiry."

This is only one example of New Deal treachery, reflecting careful planning by plotters guilty of trying to keep the truth from the public. **BUT THE CRIME IS UNCOVERED.** The American people will deal mercilessly with the traitors whose dastardly deeds are now coming to light.

BOMB FALLS ON WASHINGTON.

A VIRTUAL bombshell exploded in Washington, when on December 31st, a sheaf of papers containing hitherto secret documents was placed before members of the Pearl Harbor investigating committee. Upon learning the contents of these papers — analyzing the breath-taking disclosures, one can understand the present exodus of new dealers from Washington.

The law, supported by informed and outraged public opinion, will catch up with these **WAR CRIMINALS** when Congress completes its investigation and all the facts become known.

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of Inquiry. It shows that Roosevelt and his "palace guard" knew several days before December 7, 1941, that the Japanese attack was a certainty . . . and that, in all probability, the blow would fall on the fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor.

There is now every indication that the American war criminals, having cracked the Japanese code, deliberately maneuvered things to provoke such an attack . . . but covered their tracks in a way to sit complacently, and appear shocked and forced into the struggle by a "stab in the back." That the lives of 5,000 American boys would be sacrificed . . . and incalculable harm done to the Pacific Fleet, was a mere incident.

In the foregoing secret testimony, Admiral Kimmel said he was "certain" that Washington had advance knowledge of the Japanese attack. After citing instances of vital information withheld from General Short and himself, the Admiral states:

"I am further certain that several days prior to December 7, 1941, there was information in the War Department and the Navy Department that Japan would attack the United States, and very probably the fleet at Pearl Harbor among other places; that there was information in the War and Navy Department on December 6, 1941, that the hour of attack was momentarily imminent, and that early on December 7, 1941, the precise time of the attack was known. It was known at least three or probably four hours before the attack.

"All this information was denied to General Short and me. I feel that we were entitled to it. I felt then that if such information was available to the War and Navy Departments it would be sent to us. Had we not been denied this, many things would have been different. Had we been furnished this information as little as two or three hours before the attack, which was easily feasible and possible, much could have been done."

From these disclosures, it becomes evident that in condemning Kimmel and Short before the public, Roosevelt and his fellow plotters, were simply looking for scapegoats.



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United States Senate

December 26, 1945

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Dr. Winrod:

I thank you for the marked copy of your December issue in which you comment on the case against Mrs. Flowers. I think you are fully justified in the stand you take on this matter. I was particularly interested in your comment on the remarks made by Chief Justice Stone. He was undoubtedly right.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur Capper.

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the General Assembly of 50 nations of the earth.

"I shall not now consume the time of the Senate in giving my reasons further than I have stated. My opposition to the nomination is based on the record of Mrs. Roosevelt's expression in the press, on the hustings, and her services in recent years. My reasons for opposing her, as well as my reasons for announcing that I cannot vote for the confirmation of her nomination have been reduced to writing, and will appear in a book to be published on the 1st of next March. For further information, I refer Senators to that publication."

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Senator Tom Connally, a leading New Deal internationalist, rose suddenly from his Senate seat, December 18th, read a list containing the names of those nominated . . . and demanded immediate confirmation. Senator William Langer was apparently expecting some such move, because springing to his feet, he protested jamming the nominations through with undue haste. Senator Taft supported him and the matter was debated a few days later.

During the debate, Senator Bilbo voiced his opposition to Mrs. Roosevelt because of her well known Communistic sympathies and said:

"Mr. President, I care not what course others may take in this matter, but in my representation of the sovereign State of Mississippi, I know that I voice the sentiment of 98 or 99 per cent of my people in registering my opposition to this nomination, which is a very important one indeed, inasmuch as the nominee is to serve as a representative and spokesman of the United States in

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—Elbert Hubbard.

Nine years before Columbus discovered America, a boy was born who did more good in the world than any man since the days of Jesus and His Apostles. The name of that boy was Martin Luther.

—Weidenschilling.

My horse was very lame, and my head did ache exceedingly. Now what occurred I here avow is truth — let each man account for it as he will. Suddenly I thought, "Can not God heal man or beast as He will?" Immediately my weariness and headache ceased; and my horse was no longer lame.

—John Wesley.

If we have much grace, we must have great suffering, if great suffering, great power, and if great power, great victory — all these hang together in one undivided chain.

—Luther.

Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, but far over the water its friendly spark is seen. So let your actions reveal your light. Let your conduct illustrate the sermon of your life.

—Spurgeon.

Life would be a perpetual flea hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendos, inveracities, insinuations, and misrepresentations which are uttered against him.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

I may be sensational, but I never did tear a roof off to get somebody to Jesus, nor did I ever break out of jail at midnight with a jailor under one arm and the jail door under the other, and find a pool and baptize the jailor before daylight.

—Louis W. Arnold.

The minds of some Christians are like concrete — thoroughly mixed and permanently set.

A grease spot on a man's suit is all you can remember of the way he was dressed. That is how the human mind functions. It specializes on imperfections.

TO BE ASTRIDE THE FENCE IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE AND YOU ARE CONTINUALLY FALLING OFF — ON THE WRONG SIDE.

I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I always thought I had better use for my head.

—Thomas Edison.

If you want to be distressed, look within.
If you want to be defeated, look back.
If you want to be distracted, look around.
If you want to be dismayed, look before.
If you want to be delivered, look to Christ.
If you want to be delighted, look up.

God put the Church in the world. Satan seeks to put the world in the Church.

If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

If there were more praise offered for prayers answered, there would be more prayers answered for which to offer praise.

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Communism is coming—unless the Republicans rally to the rescue of our Republic.

—*Don Laws.*

Although Russia now lies prostrate in the bloody clutches of the Bolshevik baboon, be sure of this—Russia will rise. The Bolshevik plague will pass. Like other great pestilences which have tormented mankind, it will, even if no external remedy is applied, abate its fury, and the survivors will long be immune from a recurrence of the disease.

—*Winston Churchill . . . 1919.*

Judged by every standard which history has applied to men's affairs, the Soviet regime is one of the worst and vilest tyrannies. For that rule we are asked to become responsible to be continued, by lending money to that very government.

—*Winston Churchill . . . 1924.*

My strong-stomached friend who listens to Walter Winchell tells me that the other Sunday one of his hot flashes was: "Good news! The New York paper which carries John O'Donnell has lost two millions (dollars) of advertising." This is a prize exhibition of the sneak from the rear, of bad taste and just plain lack of truth combined.

—*Upton Close.*

I was brought up to maintain great watchfulness against any church dominating the state. But today, Christianity, Protestant and Catholic, has its back to the wall while the attacking Marxist forces put out (from some central source) the stories which accuse others of doing what they perpetrate.

—*Upton Close.*

While we are on the subject of Communism, we want to remind you that no genuine Anglo-Saxon ever has been known to be a Communist.

—*Yellow Jacket.*

The Communists are not the friends of the working men and women of America. They may pose as such and thus advance their revolutionary program. The workers of America should never become

pawns in the hands of leaders of any alien philosophy.

—*Congressman Curtis.*

The Government of the United States has been emphatically termed a Government of law, and not of men.

—*Chief Justice Marshall.*

You cannot place your reliance upon man, but you must place it upon law.

—*Thomas Jefferson.*

Are we going to have Constitutional Government or are we to have as a substitute a system of planned economy that dooms us to some form of statism, call it national socialism, fascism, communism, or what you will?

—*Frank E. Gannett.*

Christian character is still the hope of mankind, and its only substantial, practical hope.

—*Senator Shipstead.*

Many people remember the national debt when they go to pay their taxes and forget about it when they go to vote.

There is the Bible that everyone knows, and then there is the Bible that belongs to you, personally, made up of the promises which God has quickened to you.

—*Eva Durham Vennard.*

In such tragic times as these no man would dare to claim omniscience. The

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confusion of the war years is fast becoming pandemonium. Old hatreds are now compounded of new bitterness. Old wounds in the body politic of nations have now been reopened and now bleed and run anew. All the reasons for America's sacrifices in this war, that a frenzied fear gave as its excuse, have now become a thousandfold more valid and impelling. These times call for the creative and healing power of cultured and civilized humanity, based upon the principles of our Creator.

—*Senator Wheeler.*

No modern conqueror has ever succeeded in dominating his world. A few men in the ancient and medieval records reached the goal that eluded Charles XII, Louis XIV, Napoleon, Hitler, and their like, but the world empires generally fell apart rather promptly. Evidently the nations of the world don't like to be bossed by people speaking a foreign language. It is to be hoped that Mr. Stalin has not deluded himself with the notion that plain people everywhere, yearning, as he may think they are, for the fellowship of the Communist international, will welcome his Red armies.

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ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE. By Sidney Collett. Fleming H. Revell Company. Pages 324. Price \$1.75.

THE test of a good book lies not in its beautiful binding, typographical perfection, nor even in a multitude of readers. Many people buy best sellers because it is the popular thing to do—and cast them aside after the first reading. But a book that can go through twenty-three printings, some of them on cheap yellowish newsprint, and still find readers, must contain something worthwhile. And that is what "All About The Bible" has done!

The physical construction of this new edition—including a rich, red cloth binding, does credit to the contents of Dr. Collett's monumental work. Outstanding because of the great amount of information and argument packed into its pages, the book becomes invaluable to Pastors and Laymen alike. It should be placed in the hands of young people as an antidote to the poison of modern skepticism and unbelief.

Dr. Collett traces the Bible from point of origin through its many translations, down to our present-day versions. He discusses it in relation to history, tells how each of the sixty-six books was written, proves that its numerous symbols confirm the fact of supernatural origin. He deals with the doctrine of inspiration, analyzes difficult passages, answers destructive critics, explains so-called errors, and draws upon archaeological science to establish the authenticity of mooted passages.

True science and the Bible are shown to be friends. The sacred writings of other religions are compared and contrasted with the Word of God.

Speaking editorially, the "United Presbyterian" says, without exaggeration: "The title of this book is ambitious but justified by the contents and the treatment. It is ingenious, yet of solid merit. It answers just such questions as thoughtful people are constantly raising and thus meets a real need."

CHRISTIANITY—WHITHER BOUND. By Dr. James C. Hollenbeck. Published by the Author. Pages 62. Price \$1.00.

THESE are "strange days of transition," says the Author. "The atomic age has produced world-shocking consequences." Christianity must find immediate orientation and assume new responsibilities. This is the thesis of Dr. Hollenbeck's book.

"We hardly recover our composure from listening to one special news broadcast before we are swept into the vortex of another, and often the latter is more sensational than the former. And so we live from day to day, though many wonder what it is all about."

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International trends are analyzed. The British elections, in which a pro-Communist regime assumed control, involves a choice "between two basic philosophies of life," rather than "choosing between what might appear as strong or weak personalities." There is a "Trend toward Statism" throughout the world. The Potsdam Conference was "mysteriously planned."

So much for Part One of the book. Part Two takes up the subject of atomic energy.

"They have created a Monster which could wipe out Civilization." Is the release of this new power a "Prelude to Armageddon?" asks the Author. "On the morning of August 6, 1945, the entire world gasped and staggered from the radio broadcast that an atomic bomb, hailed as the most terrific and most destructive force in history, had been loosed upon Japan."

Part Three discusses "Responsibilities and Consequences" involved in unchaining this Monster. Fear is expressed for America because "The law of retribution is universal in its application." Matthew 7:2 is quoted: "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

"The Challenge of Christianity" is the title of Part Four. We read: "The United States is confronted with a most delicate problem—one which is not altogether desirable, for it is freighted with tremendous responsibilities where even the safety of civilization may easily be at stake." Christianity must come to the rescue.

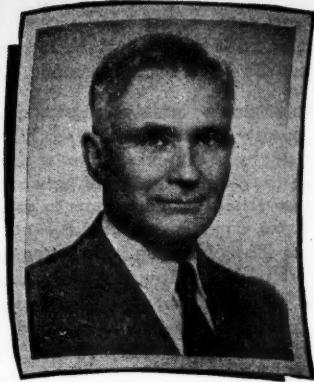
Four full pages are devoted to carefully-prepared charts, printed in colors, offering statistics . . . contrasting the numerical strength and geographical positions of Christian adherents, with those of other religions. One chart of exceptional importance portrays the trend toward centralization of all religions, to ultimately come under one "Religious Head"—or "Supreme Council of Religion." This interpretation will interest students of Bible prophecy. But the reader is left puzzled, when he reads at the bottom of the page: "This setup has not as yet been officially endorsed and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the writer."

Part Five deals with "New Forces and New Decisions." Dr. Hollenbeck brings his auditors face to face with an ugly, factual situation when he makes the following statement . . . and concludes by asking a pertinent question: "Now that the period, as foretold in the Bible, of the great overturning is upon the world, and the forces of darkness already are preparing plans for an 'all-out' attack on Christianity, will she be able to properly answer such an assault when she is so divided? This is a question to be given the most serious thought if Christianity is to survive the times and the days which lie ahead."

The Author has examined and collected a large amount of material. At some points he speaks with clearness and positiveness . . . but frequently leaves the reader's thought in a state of suspended animation. There is a tendency here and there to editorialize and philosophize, where a definite, direct and positive declaration would give force to the presentation as a whole.

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Dr. Clarence E. Macartney. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Pages 421.
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ADAM CLARKE, A GREAT EX-POSITOR. Bessie G. Olson. Boone Publishing Company. Pages 47. Price 30 cents.

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Adam Clarke preached his last sermon on August 19, 1832 and went to be with the Lord one week later.

A WORKABLE PLAN OF EVANGELISM. Rev. Dawson C. Bryan. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Pages 160. Price \$1.50.

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Mr. Bryan is Pastor of one of the largest Churches in the Southland — St. Paul's Methodist, Houston, Texas. He has also ministered to large congregations in Missouri and Kentucky. But he remembers the problems he encountered during earlier days, as Pastor of small Churches and District Superintendent in a rural area.

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Exodus 20:1-17

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I. RELEASE FROM BONDAGE. In Egypt, the descendants of Jacob lived in an unfriendly environment. So also, the Church of Jesus Christ, during this age, is surrounded by opposition forces. This world is no friend to Grace!

Solomon, speaking prophetically, described the Church as a "lily among thorns." No race or group of people have ever suffered, in a way comparable, to what Christ's followers are these days enduring at the hands of international, anti-Christ Communism.

Dr. William Ward Ayer, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City . . . publishes in the current issue of his magazine, a letter from a man who has Christian relatives in Baltic countries where the Moscow gangsters recently assumed control. This man describes scenes of plunder, rape, murder and terrorism surpassing anything endured by believers under the reign of the blood-thirsty Nero . . . and then, writing directly to Dr. Ayer, he gives this solemn warning:

"I CAN TELL YOU WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN COMMUNISM COMES TO POWER IN THE UNITED STATES: You will be taken out of your bed some night between two and four o'clock, given five minutes to get ready, and you will vanish — and may God help you then. So have gone thousands upon thousands of our Christian people."

The experiences of Jacob's descendants in Egypt, typifies the Church perse-

cuted by its Christ-hating enemies. In a broader sense, Egyptian bondage is a type of sinful bondage. The fleeing Israelites traveled three days to reach the Red Sea, typifying the three essential steps of the sinner fleeing from the bondage of Satan:

(1) Calling upon the Lord, signifying determination to break all bonds.

(2) Faith that purifies the heart and places the recipient of unmerited favor in a position to contact his Liberator.

(3) Repentance that changes character and orients the soul under God's personal and provisional care.

The children of Israel wandered forty years in the wilderness, boiling the effects of Egyptian filth out of their systems, producing a new generation capable of being "called out" from other nations, even as the Church of Jesus Christ is composed of "called out ones."

II. RECEIVING THE LAW. The record says: "And God spake." The legal code which became the basis of subsequent law and jurisprudence was REVEALED to Moses. He did not EDIT it from the writings of Hammurabi, as certain liberal Churchmen would have us suppose.

Hammurabi reigned 42 years — 1955 to 1913 B. C., as the sixth King of the West Semitic dynasty of ancient Babylonia. His name is particularly associated with a legal system which he promulgated in the courts of the empire. The only fairly complete text of this code was found by archaeologists at Susa, inscribed on a diorite stela 8 feet high. The inscription is in 21 horizontal columns beneath a bas relief of the King. Large sections of the code had been defaced from the monument before it was found.

By comparing the fragments of the code, with the provisions contained in the Ten Commandments, one finds that Moses could not possibly have been guilty of the plagiarism attributed to

him by higher critics. That such an utterly untenable charge should be made, only illustrates the extremes to which men will go in rejecting the supernatural . . . the absurdities of the carnal mind in asserting its "enmity against God."

Moses became a channel through whom a supernatural revelation was given to the human family. And so, the voice of God was heard at Mount Sinai, amid the most appalling phenomena of agitated nature. Had God been simply addressing His children, the still small voice would have been used. But the Sinaic message was for the whole world . . . for generations unborn . . . for a turning point in human history, and therefore came with the ROAR OF THUNDER. The speaking of the Ten Commandments into existence was prefaced with the words: "I am the Lord thy God."

III. CONTENTS OF THE LAW. These instructions are both vertical and horizontal. The first four comprise our duties to God. The other six comprise our duties to people. A right attitude toward God, assures a right attitude toward people.

First: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This means undue love for material and worldly things. Whoever seeks satisfaction out of harmony with God is an idolater.

Second: "Thou shalt not make any graven image . . . thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them." Under the auspices of Moses himself, figures of cherubim, brazen serpents, oxen and other things were made and not condemned. The mere making was not sin — but making, with intent to engage in idolatrous worship, involved other matters.

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Fourth: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Man is a seven-day machine and without rest efficiency is impaired. Jesus said: "The sabbath was made for man."

Fifth: "Honor thy father and thy mother." The welfare of the home, the foundation of civilization, is here considered.

Sixth: "Thou shalt not kill." Men have tried to read into this Commandment things not stated. Language could not be plainer.

Seventh: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." The teaching of Jesus on this subject, recorded in Matthew 5:28, should be considered in connection with this Commandment.

Eighth: "Thou shalt not steal." This embraces every form of dishonesty as well as outright theft.

Ninth: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Taking false oaths, slander, talebearing, suppression of truth and libel of every kind comes under this restriction.

Ten: "Thou shalt not covet." The Apostle Paul linked covetousness with idolatry.

IV. LIMITATIONS OF THE LAW. Carnal men need to have their conduct regulated by codes of "do's and don'ts." Restraint is necessary where sin wields the scepter of power. But the Law was never intended to provide salvation, because: "A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed." Galatians 2:16 and 3:23.

The Law produces discipline. Paul referred to it as a "SCHOOLMASTER." Without the Law there would have been no preparation for Christ's coming into the world. But He brought it to an end, as far as personal salvation is concerned — being the only Person ever to live on this earth without violating a single one of the Ten Commandments. His deity was reflected in His perfection. Where Law ended, Grace began.

Lesson No. 2

January 27, 1946

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING WORSHIP.

Exodus 28:1, 35:4-9, 20-29.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10.

I. THE PATTERN IN THE MOUNT. Moses received the blueprint for the

Wilderness Tabernacle while in communion with God. Spiritual exertions in prayer produce their equivalents on the material plane. The relation of the invisible to the visible is that of cause to effect. Prayer deals with creative causes which transcend things physical.

After giving instructions regarding building and equipping the structure, God said to His chosen architect: "Make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount."

In other words, Moses was told to take his mountain-top experience down into the Valley. This is a good thing for us to remember. We meet God in the mount. We have our spiritually-exhilarating experiences there. We are refreshed and made strong in spirit, when alone with God. Then we go down into the valley of toil, testing and trial — but when going, we should take with us our mountain-top experience. There is such a thing as VICTORY IN THE VALLEY.

Moses spent forty days in the mount, receiving the complete pattern of the Tabernacle and instructions regarding worship and the conduct of the Priesthood.

II. THE PRIESTHOOD IN AUGURATED. In pre-Moses times, the office of priest was occupied by the father of the family. (See Job 1:5.) The head of the clan built an altar of earth or stone and offered such sacrifices as he felt were needed. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob built altars, offered sacrifices, purified and consecrated themselves and their households. This was the patriarchal system.

The line of the patriarchs ended with the inauguration of the Priesthood. Worship was thereafter centered in one building, and the priestly caste limited to a single family. The system was introduced with the understanding that

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priests would minister before the altar through all generations until Christ should appear: "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands."

The idea of a Priesthood connects itself, in all its forms, pure or corrupted, with the consciousness of, and remedy for, sin. Men feel they have broken a law. They are, by nature, under inward condemnation. They realize there is a power holier than themselves . . . and desiring to reach for it, they seek a visible medium. Craving for the intervention of some one whom they think more acceptable than themselves, they turn to the office of the priest. He must offer up their prayers, thanksgivings, sacrifices. He becomes their representative in "things pertaining unto God."

The position of the Christian is different. Christ abolished the priesthood. He fulfilled all the types of the Mosiac system. "We have an high priest" who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." He was "tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin."

All things connected with the Tabernacle and Priesthood were types and symbols of the greater Church system to follow. Aaron was appointed the first High Priest. Christ Jesus is to the Church, what Aaron was to the Priesthood.

Aaron's garments were "for glory and for beauty." Besides ordinary priestly clothing, he was invested with a special robe called an "Ephod." This dress included a breastplate set with twelve gleaming precious gems . . . and a golden, jeweled crown upon his head. He was mediator between God and man, until One should come who would be both High Priest and Sacrifice.

When Christ came, He was garbed in a robe of pure righteousness. Hebrews 8:1-2 says: "We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."

III. ERECTING THE TABERNACLE. This imposing structure was built and equipped on a free-will offering basis. Every family of the congregation "of a willing heart" was given the opportunity of contributing something. And the record says: "For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much."

This is the proper way to finance the work of the Lord. Everybody should

give something — in proportion to his capacity. It was never intended that a few people of wealth should underwrite the costs. The story is told about a farmer named Little, who had seven children. When asked how the work on his farm was kept up so well, he replied: "Every little Little does a little."

"Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord: gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair . . ." (See Exodus 35:4-9).

Only a short time previously, some of the people had given golden ornaments to make idols which they worshipped in a heathenish orgy. This act of rebellion against God nearly cost all Israel their lives. Now the people found joy in giving to further true worship.

The words of Jesus quoted in the Golden Text, suggest the intimate relationship which exists between worship and service. Indeed, they are so closely interwoven that one without the other becomes null and void. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

Lesson No. 3

February 3, 1946

SPECIAL HOLY DAYS.

Leviticus 20:7-8, 23:4-44.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psalms 126:3.

I. TYPICAL TEACHING. The study of Old Testament feasts and fasts becomes tedious and dull reading, except as one understands their typological meaning.

Certain days stand out in the lives of individuals and nations. Christmas, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday mark epochs in American history. In the same way, holy days were observed during olden times, commemorating past

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Unlike the occult "mysteries" of ancient Babylon, created by designing priests to hold captive the imagination of the people, the feasts and fasts of the Old Testament were divinely inspired. They were founded upon eternal realities. They were types of things to come. The twenty-third chapter of Leviticus contains descriptive statements, setting forth their origin and purpose. Their observance took place in the parts of the year corresponding to our March, May and September.

II. THE PASSOVER. This memorial service originated in Egypt. It commemorated the passing of the death angel over the families in Goshen. "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will PASS OVER you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:13.

This feast continued seven days and was observed once each year in the early spring. The lambs used by the families were "without blemish." They typified the Lamb of God. Hence the words of Peter: "Ye were redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot."

No bones were broken in the Passover lambs. In like manner, the bones of God's Lamb were preserved. To hasten death, soldiers broke the bones in the bodies of the dying culprits beside the Christ, but they did not subject Him to that particular treatment. "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs." John 19:32-33.

Everything in the Old Testament Passover feast pointed forward, to the New Testament fact of Christ's sacrifice for our sins on Calvary. "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." I Corinthians 5:7.

III. THE FIRSTFRUITS. Instructions for the festival of Firstfruits appear in Leviticus 23:9-14. "Ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest."

The harvest season started with reaping barley. It ripened earlier than other grains. This offering consisting of samples from different fields bound in a loose bundle, was brought to the temple court. Incense was sprinkled on the sheaf. Then the priest waved it before the Lord toward the four points of the compass. The ceremony ended with the

priest throwing a portion of the grain into the fire of the altar, reserving the balance for himself.

Paul identified this feast, typically, with the resurrection of Christ by saying: "But every man in his own order: Christ the FIRSTFRUITS; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming." I Corinthians 15:23.

IV. THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. Described as a "holy convocation," the week-long Pentecostal celebration began fifty days after the feast of the Firstfruits. This was precisely the period of time that elapsed between the resurrection of Christ and the formation of the Church on the day of Pentecost.

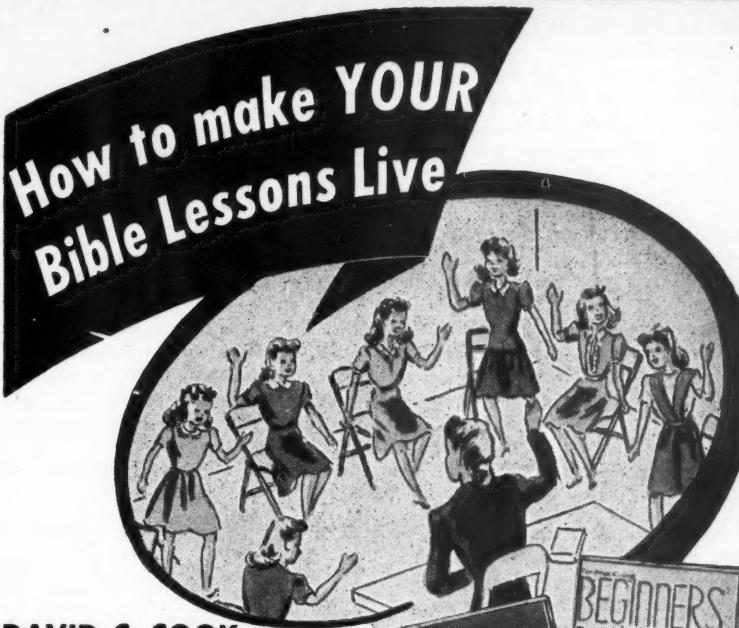
The loaves used in the Passover feast contained no leaven (a type of sin) because they referred to Christ. The loaves used in the feast of Pentecost contained leaven because they referred to the Church, in which sin still exists. (See I Corinthians 10:16-17 and 12:12-13.)

The Old Testament Pentecostal observance is important to us today, only because it pointed toward the establishment of Christ's holy church in the world. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

V. THE TRUMPETS. There was a long interval between Pentecost and the Trumpets. This anticipated prophetically, the extended period of the Pentecostal work of the Holy Spirit in the dispensation of the Church. When this age becomes history, the new age will be inaugurated with a trumpet blast heard the world around.

The people looked forward to the feast of Trumpets as a time of rejoicing and spiritual refreshment. It was immediately followed by the day of Atonement.

VI. THE DAY OF ATONEMENT. On this, the most solemn of all days, the High Priest bathed, dressed in golden robes, and bearing an incense offering entered the Holy Place. There he lighted golden lamps and burned incense on the golden altar of prayer. Then he removed the robe, put on a white linen garment and slew a bullock. With the blood of the animal in a golden bowl, he entered the Most Holy Place and sprinkled blood upon the mercy seat of the Ark, between the golden cherubim.



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Then he cast lots on two goats, one of which was sacrificed as an offering to the Lord, and its blood also sprinkled upon the Mercy Seat. Upon the head of the other he laid his hands, confessing the sins of the people, and drove it into the wilderness. This creature became a scapegoat. (See Leviticus 16:8-16.)

Now . . . the scene changes. Centuries elapse. The REAL Day of Atonement has come. The Jews are demanding the death of God's Son. They hurl at him the false charge of sedition. They accuse him, before the Roman Governor, of being opposed to the government. Pilate subjects Christ to a grilling and finds Him guilty of no crime. This only inflames the passions of the Jews the more, and causes them to shout the louder.

Thinking to satisfy their sadistic demands, Pilate suggests torturing the Victim and setting Him free. The plan is rejected. Knowing their appetites are whetted for blood, he offers to put Barabbas, "a notable prisoner," to death. "Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?"

"But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus . . . Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified."

Knowing the whole thing is a miserable farce and miscarriage of justice . . . but realizing the mob is out of control, Pilate calls for a basin of water, washes his hands of the whole affair and says: "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."

"Then answered all the people, and

said, His blood be on us, and on our children."

The most fiendish crime in the history of the human family is consummated!

The Day of Atonement, blueprinted in the sixteenth chapter of Leviticus, found its counterpart in history. THE FIRST GOAT, SYMBOLIZING CHRIST, WAS PUT TO DEATH . . . THE SECOND GOAT, SYMBOLIZING BARABBAS, WAS RELEASED.

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The story of the feasts, narrated in the Old Testament are meaningful to Christians, because they typified events to transpire centuries later in connection with the redemption of mankind and the establishment of the most important institution on the face of the earth—namely, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson No. 4

February 10, 1946.

DISCIPLINE NEEDED.

Numbers 14:11-24.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whom the Lord loveth he reproveth; Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." Proverbs 3:12.

I. SUPERNATURAL LEADERSHIP. The book of Numbers continues the historical account where Exodus drops the chain of thought. It tells a story of desert wanderings by a people, who came to Kadesh-Barnea, and rebelled against the program and purpose of God for their nation.

In typology, it is a book of service and walk and fits into the moral order of the Pentateuch. Genesis is the book of creation and fall; Exodus, of redemption;

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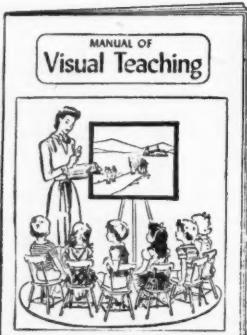
Leviticus, of worship and fellowship; and Numbers, that which naturally follows—namely, SERVICE AND WALK.

The Israelites remained at Sinai ten days less than one year. There the Law was received and the Tabernacle erected. When the time came for the next lap of their journey, the Pillar of Cloud arose and directed them. This must have been a beautiful sight!

The Cloud typifies the Holy Spirit—the embodiment of infinite intelligence, giving direction to the believer during his earthly pilgrimage. Said the Psalmist: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Jesus emphasized the fact of DIVINE GUIDANCE when preparing the hearts of His disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He said: "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will GUIDE you into all truth."

The travels of the ensuing few months witnessed a series of supernatural experiences which should have forever anchored the people in God. Among these, was the sudden appearance of manna in the desert—a delicious, nourishing food, without which the nation would have perished. When they saw it lying on the ground like round seed, resembling frost crystals, "they said one to another, what is it? for they knew not what it was."

This miraculous food typified the substance of Christ, builded into the moral nature of the believer. The essence of Christianity involves the substitution of



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His nature for human nature. "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written. He gave them bread from heaven to eat . . . then Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." (See John 6:31-35.)

II. JUDGMENT OF NATIONS. Reaching Kadesh-Barnea, Moses chose a man from each tribe, except Levi, and sent them to spy out Canaan. Forty days were consumed by this mission. The men came back with a report that the land was rich beyond description . . . **BUT GIANTS WERE THERE.**

The camp was thrown into confusion. Bedlam reigned. The people rebelled against Moses, even going so far as to choose a captain to lead them back to Egypt. This rejection of divine leadership provoked the judgment of God, and resulted in the nation being sentenced to forty years desert wanderings.

Nations, like individuals, are judged for sins committed against God. The doctrine of retribution, stated succinctly in the old adage that "Chickens come home to roost," applies to both men and nations. There is rampant in the world today, a Christ-hating, Church-burning, Satan-motivated program known as Communism. God's wrath will sooner or later be released against Russia and all the internationalists throughout the world, responsible for this unspeakable rebellion. The thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel anticipates the rise of atheistic Communism, and God said: "I will turn thee back, and put hooks in thy jaws."

During the long halt at Kadesh-Barnea, the Israelites scattered about in the valley of the desert, leading a nomad life. Thus passed thirty-seven years, during which Israel did not advance a single step toward occupancy of the promised land. National character sagged when the nation apostatized spiritually.

III. CONDEMNATION AND PARDON.

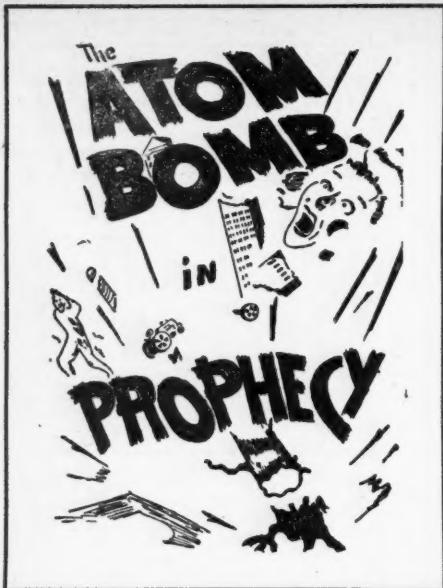
"And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? I will smite them with pestilence, and disinherit them."

The next few verses of today's Lesson records Moses prayer for God's mercy and the preservation of his people. He offered an ARGUMENT PETITION. He talked with the Lord "face to face."

"Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy."

Let it be noted that Moses made no claims to virtue on the part of the people. They were utterly unworthy. They deserved punishment. They had proved a disappointment at every turn. They had nothing good to offer. If spared, it would have to result from the "MERCY" of God.

This is exactly the sinner's position. He has no "works" to offer, capable of justifying forgiveness of sins committed. He must rely solely upon the Mercy, the Grace, of God. The Israelitish nation was spared, not because they de-



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